MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon*): May I know whether Government will call for that information?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Compassionate allowance for the widow and children of Kochukunju Pillai, late teacher in the Kunnam V. M. School.

54. **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Mr. Kochukunju Pillai, who was an assistant teacher in the Kunnam V. M. School, was murdered last year and his widow has applied for some allowance for her maintenance and for the education of her children; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken on that application?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) There is an application from the widow for compassionate allowance and her claim is under investigation.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): May I know at what stage the investigation is at present?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The Dewan Peishkar has been asked to report about the circumstances.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): That report has not been received?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No.

Punishment of Proverthicar for omission of names in the voters' lists at the last election.

55. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether in the taluk of Kalkulam or Agastisvaram any Proverthicar was punished for omitting the names of persons eligible to vote for the Legislative Council during the last elections?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Delay in carrying out works budgeted for the current year.

56. **MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI** (*Shertallai*): Will the Government be pleased to state why the works allotted and budgeted for the current year are not taken up till now (9-4-1108)?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Unless the works are specified, it is not possible to locate the delay, if there be any.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): May I know from the member whether any of the public works allotted for the Kottayam Division has been taken up till now?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Sir, the question is vaguely worded.

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MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : Now I am asking specifically about Kottayam Division.

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : I claim notice because that was not in the original question.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : The answer is "unless the works are specified it is not possible to locate the delay, if there be any." I ask whether any works had been undertaken at all?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Generally the first quarter of the year is taken up with the arrangements for starting the works and it is only after these arrangements are completed, that it is possible for the execution of the works to be taken up.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Are the Government aware that after allotting funds, the amount is allowed to lapse?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes, if at the close of the year any work is not done.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Are the Government aware of many such instances?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Some funds might have lapsed ; but the major portion, of course, is being used.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*): Is the Public Works Department going to take up any work for which provision has been made in the Budget?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Sir, it is just for that, provision is made in the Budget.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : Then, why is it that no work has been taken till now?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Works have been taken up. Because the question was vaguely worded, the present answer was given.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : May I know from the member what is the meaning of allotting funds and not taking up the work throughout the year?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I do not say that works have not been taken up. As a matter of fact several works have been taken up. But the question did not refer to any specific work.

MR. K. P. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Shertallai*) : May I bring to the notice of the member that after funds were allotted consecutively for three years, the works have not been taken up?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): If the member will give specific instances, then it can be verified.

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